

## Favorite Proverbs

Proverbs 14:22

9/22/21

How did God speak to you in Sunday's message?

**POINT:** Get WISDOM; Devise some GOOD!

1. Read Proverbs 14:22.

Imagine you are visiting with a trusted friend, when she says, "but don't those who devise evil go astray?" What's your friend asking?

Share some words with a similar meaning to "devise"? Is this something only villains do? If normal people are included, how so?

What comes first, going astray or "devising" evil?

2. What do you think a thoughtful reader is supposed to get or take from this proverb? Come up with three.

3. Do you know people "who devise good"? Explain.

The word "devise" is the same Hebrew word for "plan"! List some ways people ought to "devise" or "plan" good!

4. The last words of the proverb state that "those who devise good meet *steadfast love and faithfulness*" (ESV); the NIV reads, "find *love and faithfulness.*" The NET: "exhibit *faithful covenant love.*" What do you make of "love and faithfulness" associated with devising or planning good?

5. The words *steadfast love* and *faithfulness* are rather famous. Read Exodus 34:6 (*abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*) and John 1:14 ("*full of grace and truth*"). Both verses feature the character or glory of God revealed to Moses (Ex. 33:18) and revealed (*we beheld His glory*) in Jesus, *as the only Son from the Father*, first to John and the disciples. So, doing good is connected with the very character of God! What does that add to our ideas of "devising good"?